

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 8 and 9 are amended for clarity and to recite additional features. These independent claims are also amended to delete certain features, so as to broaden the scope of these claims. The deleted features are recited in new dependent claims 15-17, respectively.

Independent claim 7 is amended into dependent form, depending from claim 1.

Claims 2-5 and 10-13 are amended to change their dependency and/or to recite additional features, in view of the amendments to claims 1, 8 and 9, and the addition of dependent claims 15-17.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned for a personal interview before issuing the next rejection, if any. A form PTOL-431A is attached to perfect the request for personal interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,182,072 to Leak et al. (Leak), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,890,173 to Yoda (Yoda), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,877,759 to Bauer (Bauer). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Leak, Yoda and Bauer, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest "a first printing instruction unit" and "a record instruction unit," as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 8 and 9.

In particular, claim 1 recites "a first print instruction unit that causes the printing unit to print a character string indicating the access data of the Web page and an entry column in addition to an image of the Web page accessed by the access unit."

The Office Action asserts that it would have been obvious to apply Yoda's printing of pages to Leak's display of pages from a search engine result to achieve the first printing instruction unit. The analyzed hypertext links can be identified from results of a conventional Web search engine, which typically incorporate images and user inputted keyword queries (i.e., Google, etc.)

Based on the Office Action's reasoning, the images and the keyword queries are incorporated in a search result web page. Therefore, when the search result is printed, only an image of the web page (search result) containing images and keyword queries is printed. That is, neither Leak nor Yoda teach the first print instruction unit that causes the printing unit to print an entry column in addition to an image of the Web page. Thus, the asserted combination of Leak and Yoda does not disclose the first print instruction unit recited in the claims.

Also, claim 1 recites "a record instruction unit that causes the recording medium to record the character string and written information read in accordance with an instruction given from the read instruction unit, the written information that is written after the entry column is printed on the printing medium, while associating the character string with the written information as the keyword."

Based on these features, the keyword written on the printing medium on which the entry column has already been printed is recorded in the recording medium. For example, the user writes the keyword into the entry column printed on the printing medium, and thereafter, the written keyword is read by the reading unit, then the keyword read by the reading unit is recorded in the recording medium.

The Office Action states that, since search results typically rely on initial user keyword input, Leak's character strings are associated with a keyword.

However, Leak does not teach or suggest a record instruction unit that causes the recording medium to record the written information written after the entry column is printed on

the printing medium. Thus, the asserted combination of Leak does not disclose the above-quoted record instruction recited in the claims.

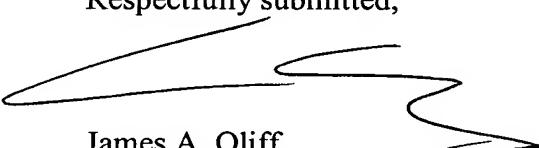
Bauer does not supply the subject matter lacking in Leak and Yoda. Thus, Leak, Yoda and Bauer, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 8 and 9, and claims 2-7 and 10-14 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-17 are patentable at least in view of the patentability of claims 1, 8 and 9, from which they respectively depend, as well as for additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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